

with a mixed sense of sadness and pride that one watches them mature and then move on to the next aspect of their career. That certainly describes my feelings today as my upstate director, Ben Alexander, leaves to go to law school.

There are quite a few things that anyone who has any contact with Ben will ascertain immediately—he is smart, he is conscientious, he is tireless, and he is relentlessly good natured. If one talks to Ben a little longer, one will find that he has a voluminous knowledge of South Carolina's upstate. He can tell you the economic statistics, election results, business prospects and wedding announcements for every town in 10 counties. And he is just as proficient at expediting a Social Security case as helping industry and government build the infrastructure necessary to a healthy business climate. In addition, he began an intern program that has been a boon to both my office and the many fine universities found in the upstate. In short, Ben can do it all and do it all well.

Despite all this obvious talents, I had some reservations about giving a 22-year-old primary responsibility for the most populous area of the State when he began nearly 7 years ago. On my first visit to the Greenville area after Ben had taken over, he picked me up at the airport and proceeded to reinforce all my worst fears by getting lost. Well, we eventually got where we were going and I later learned that Ben was famous for his hard work but infamous for his sense of direction. But there turned out to be no need to worry. Ben learned to read a road map just as well as he could read a political map. And I can assure you that my office never took a wrong turn under Ben's stewardship.

Mr. President, I rise today to say thanks to Ben Alexander for all he has done for me and for the people of South Carolina. As he heads off to law school, he will remain a member of the extended Hollings family. I appreciate this opportunity to thank him for a job well done and to wish him every success in the years ahead.●

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EMERGENCY HIGHWAY RELIEF

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of H.R. 2017, just received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2017) to authorize an increased Federal share of the costs of certain transportation projects in the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995 and 1996, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be considered and deemed read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2017) was deemed read three times and passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider all the nominations placed on the secretary's desk in the Marine Corps. I further ask unanimous consent the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

IN THE MARINE CORPS

Marine Corps nominations beginning Anthony T. Alauria, and ending Thomas S. Woodson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 3, 1995.

Marine Corps nominations beginning David V. Adamiak, and ending John G. Zuppan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of May 11, 1995.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1995

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today it stand in recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 1995; that following the prayer the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and that there then be a period for the transaction of routine morning business until 10 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes, with the following exceptions: Senator FEINSTEIN, 10 minutes; Senator GLENN, 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 10 a.m. the Senate begin a 15-minute cloture vote on the State Department reorganization and the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. I further ask that following the first cloture vote the Senate resume consideration of the State Department reorganization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. I further ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess between hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. for the two party luncheons, and following the recess at 2:15 p.m. the Senate proceed to a second cloture vote on the State Department reorganization and the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DOLE. So, let me just summarize here for all my colleagues.

For the information of all Senators, if cloture is not invoked either time on the State Department reorganization, it will be the majority leader's intention to either resume consideration of the energy water appropriations bill—but probably we will not do that unless some of the problems have been worked out—or begin consideration of the DOD authorization bill. Therefore, votes can be expected to occur throughout Tuesday's session with the first vote occurring at 10 a.m.

Also, Senators should expect late sessions this week and the possibility of a Saturday session, if necessary, to make progress on the items needed to pass prior to the August recess, which will begin sometime in August.

ORDER FOR FILING OF FIRST- DEGREE AMENDMENTS

Mr. DOLE. Also, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the first-degree amendments may be filed up to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and second-degree amendments may be filed for the first cloture vote by 10 a.m. and for the second cloture vote by 2:15 p.m. in order for them to qualify postcloture.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I understand the Senator from California wishes to speak, and the Senator from Rhode Island. So, if I can just take a few minutes and I will sort of put us on automatic.

A FINAL TRIBUTE TO GEORGE ROMNEY

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, in describing the State of Michigan, the author John Steinbeck wrote, "It seemed to me that the Earth was generous and outgoing here in the heartland, and perhaps the people took a cue from it."

One person who Steinbeck may have been thinking of when he wrote those words was George Romney. And today Governor Romney's family and friends